

23 AUG 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Art Carlucci, GSA Project Executive

FROM:  Deputy Chief, New Building Project Office, OL

SUBJECT: Contract Changes

1. On 21 August this office was advised by Mr. Harry Fitzwater, Deputy Director for Administration, that Centex Construction company was preparing to pour 20,000 SF of concrete slab on grade without installing the required gravel sub-base. In your absence that day I checked with Gary Lee, your Senior Assistant, and was told that GSA had approved this proposed method of installation in order to forgo the necessity of removing underground utilities already in place. Since this installation was not in accordance with the contract documents and provided the Government a less than acceptable product, Gary Lee was instructed to direct the Contractor to stop the current operation, correct the current deficiencies, and proceed in accordance with the contract documents.

2. This office is aware of the need for you and your staff to make contract judgments in the field, however we will not accept contract changes of this magnitude being made without prior consultation and agreement by this office.

3. As you are aware, this office has had a growing concern over the on-site inspection services being provided by the Architect. With regard to the gravel sub-base there was no report or question of this installation by any of the SH&G representatives. Mr. Livingston of SH&G is aware of our concern and will be taking action to improve this service to the construction operation.

cc: Director of Logistics  
Mr. Jim Livingston, SH&G

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